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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020084548 A1

TITLE:	Method and apparatus for making building panels having
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low edge thickness swelling

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (15):

[0014] Attempts have been made to reduce press time by preheating the flakes on the forming surface, such as disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,643,376 and 5,733,396 to Gerhardt et al (incorporated by reference in their entirety). Therein, a particle mat is heated by concurrently passing through the mat treatment air coming from an <u>air-conditioning system and having a predetermined moisture</u> content and dew point such that the mat is preheated to a predetermined temperature while liquid in the treatment air is allowed to condense in the mat to, at most, a maximum liquid content. Other attempts to preheat the mat employs the use of microwaves; See, U.S. Pat. No. 5,913,990 to Kramer, or steam; See, U.S. Pat. No. 5,993,709 to Bonomo, or hot-air; See, U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,081 to Bielfeldt, prior to the pressing step (all patents are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety).

US-PAT-NO: 6083437

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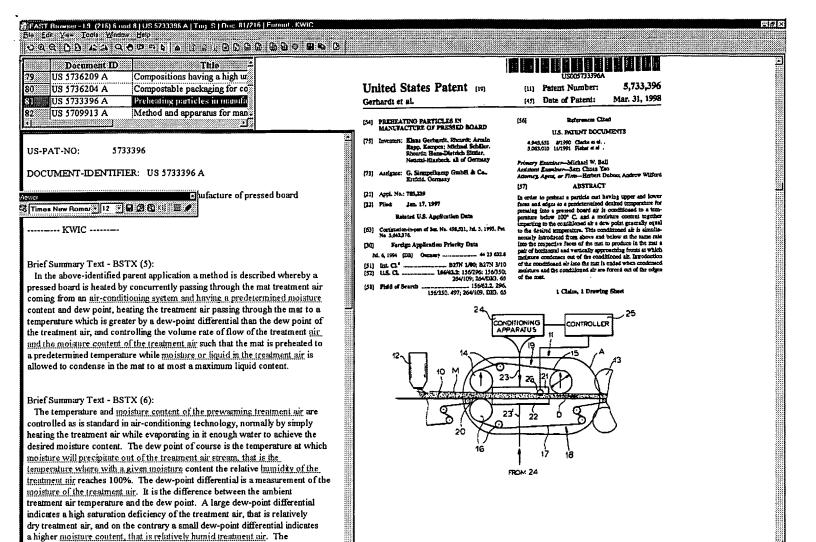
TITLE: Method for dimensional stabilizing treatment of wood and

wood composite

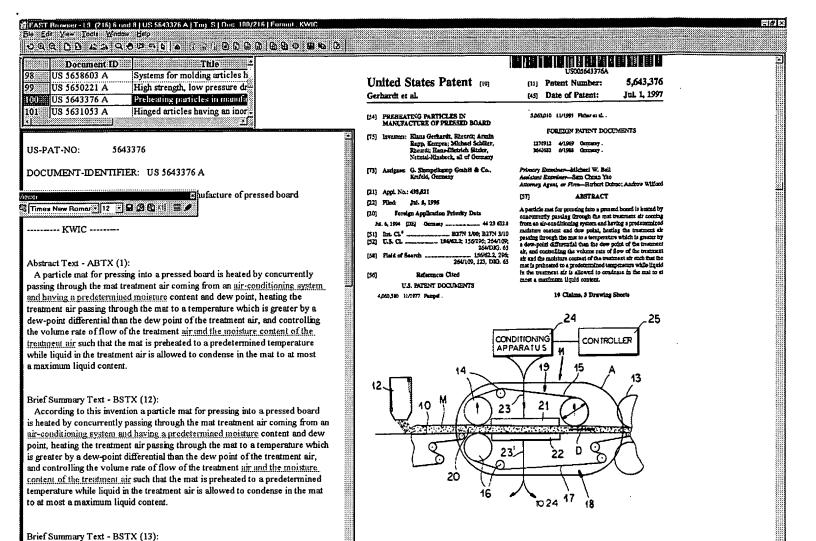
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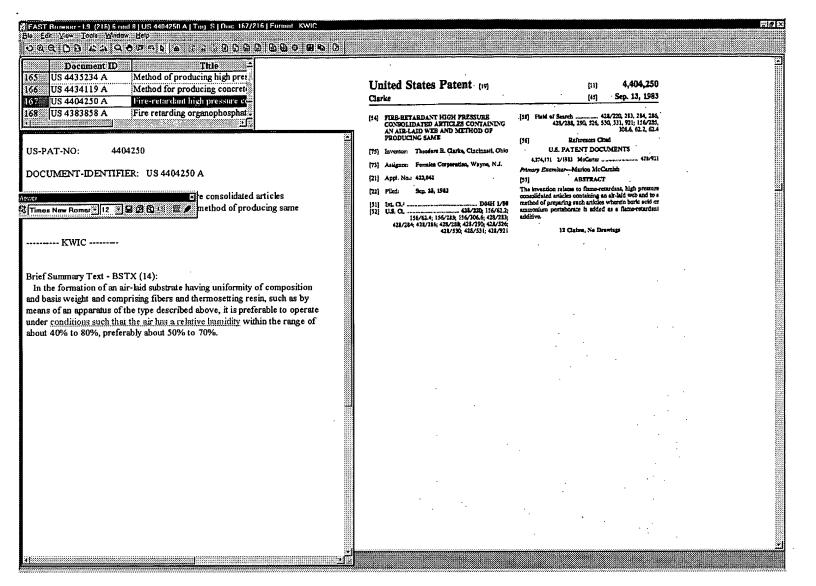
While repeatedly practically carrying out the dimensional stabilization of wood or wood composite in accordance with the above treating method, the present inventors have experientially found that in some cases, high pressure steam is not uniformly distributed throughout the wood or wood composite dependently upon, for example, specific gravity, thickness, size, surface condition of the wood or wood composite, and consequently, an intended dimensional stability cannot be attained. In particular, in a natural woodboard prepared by simply cutting a natural wood such as a plain lumber or thin woodboard, pits which are interconnectively present between vessels and tracheids and contribute to movement of moisture are closed. Accordingly, it is difficult even, for example, by preliminary hot-air circulation heating to discharge moisture contained in the interior of such a natural woodboard to the outside, leading to a long drying time. On the other hand, if high pressure steam is supplied, it does not penetrate well into the interior of the woodboard. In consequence, it is difficult to attain desired dimensional stability.



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TITLE:	Production	of hardboard
DOCUMENT-ID	ENTIFIER:	US 4227965 A
US-PAT-NO:	422796	

Detailed Description Text - DETX (11):

At this point, the board is bond dry and generally, for most uses, must be moistured or humidified to prevent buckling or warping in subsequent finishing or field installation operations. Such is normally accomplished by subjecting the board to very hot, **humid air conditions** as in a chamber approaching 40-95% relative humidity and 70.degree.-200.degree. F. for 2-48 hours duration. Thereby, the board absorbs from 2-9% moisture bu weight of the board and optionally may be passed to conventional finishing operations, such as to form interior decorative wall panels.

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TITLE:	Fiberboard	manufacture
DOCUMENT-IDI	ENTIFIER:	US 4056342 A
US-PAT-NO:	4056342	2

Detailed Description Text - DETX (4):

As the fiber mat is being continuously formed, it is continuously conveyed by conveyor 11 to conditioning apparatus 12 where the mat temperature is adjusted to from about 180.degree. F. to 210.degree. F. and the moisture content thereof from about 6% to 12%. Commercially available devices for adjusting temperature and moisture contents of mats are commercially available and known as "through dryers." Adjustment of the mat temperature and moisture is usually accomplished in such apparatus by the use of a flow of hot, moist air through the mat. The air temperature and moisture are, of course, adjusted to give the heat and moisture needed to bring the mat within the ambits noted. Filter means 13 are provided to remove any fibers carried by the circulating air. It is essential to the instant process that such conditioning take place before precompressing. The temperature noted is the glass transition temperature at 6% to 12% moisture of the ligneous hemicellulosic material of the wood. Such temperature must be attained in order to render the ligneous material plastic.

US-PAT-NO: 4009073

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4009073 A

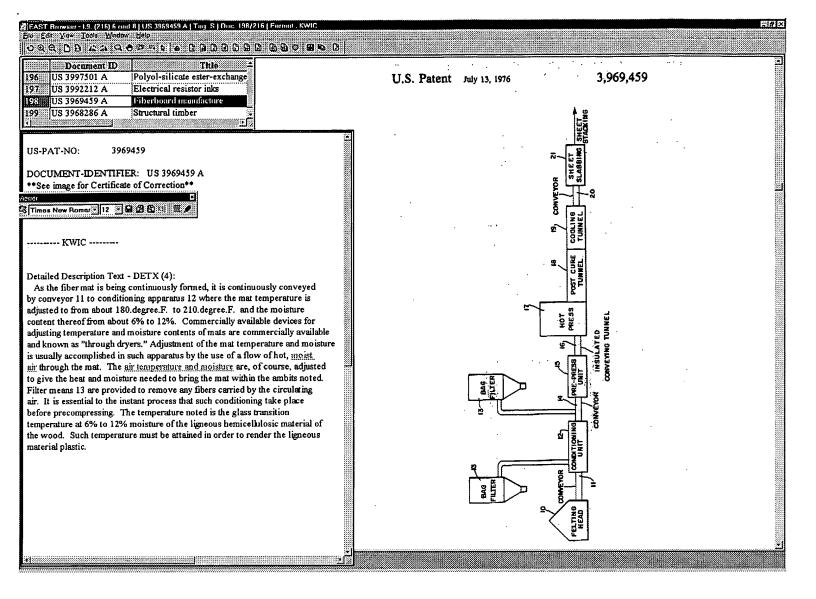
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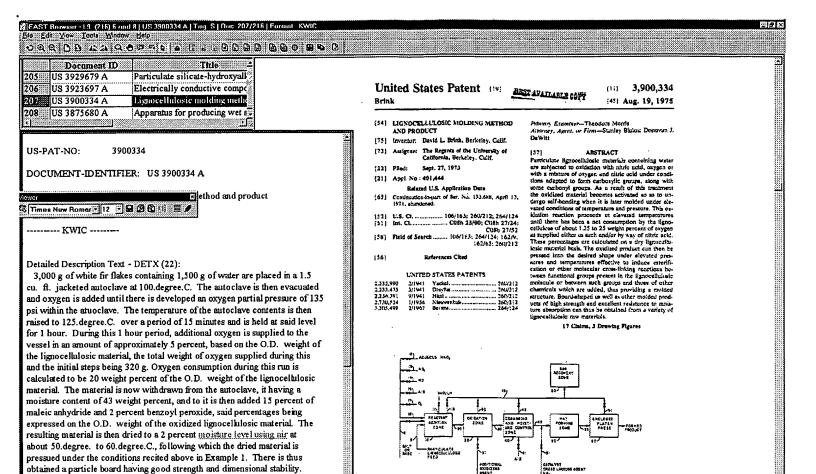
TITLE: Production of hardboard in a closed water system

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (52):

To further improve the physical and surface finishing properties of S-2-S hardboard, it is conventional to treat or coat the hot out-of-press board with various thermosetting and/or oxidizable resins or oils; i.e., linseed, tung, petroleum hydrocarbon blends, etc. Depending on the degree of property improvement desired, coverages can vary from 2 to 10 lbs./MSF of surface area. The treated board is normally then heat treated in ovens for 2 and 1/2 to 4 hours at 280.degree. F. to assist in curing out the tempering oil, as well as the integral oil binders. This bake treatment will also improve physical (though not surface) properties of untreated board as well. At this point, the board is bone dry and must, for most end uses, be moisturized or humidified to prevent buckling or warping in subsequent finishing and field installation operations. Humidification is normally accomplished in-line, after baking, by subjecting the board to very hot, humid air. Conditions in the chamber approach 95% R.H. (relative humidity) and 200.degree. F for 2 and 1/2 to 8 hours duration. The board absorbs moisture from 2 to 9% by weight of the board, averaging about 4%.





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TITLE: N	Method and composition for treating wood	l
DOCUMENT-IDE	NTIFIER: US 5395656 A	
US-PAT-NO:	5395656	

Abstract Text - ABTX (1):

A wood preservative composition which contains poly ethylene oxide along with poly vinyl pyrrolidone is applied to wood in a four-step process. In the first step, moisture and excess resin are removed from the wood. In the second step, the preservative composition is applied to the wood by pressure injection. In the third step, the container for the wood is drained and excess solution is transferred to a holding tank. In the fourth step, a catalyst, either heat or a low-pH composition, is applied to the wood to cause chemical bonding of the preservatives within and with the wood. As a part of the fourth step, excess moisture is removed from the wood by subjecting the wood to a vacuum to draw out excess moisture and then subjecting the wood to a flow of desiccated air which absorbs the moisture.

US-PAT-NO:	5169687
DOCUMENT-IDE	NTIFIER: US 5169687 A
TITLE:	Supercritical fluid-aided treatment of porous materials
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# Brief Summary Text - BSTX (20):

A still further embodiment of the invention is a process for treating wood to improve its physical properties comprising subjecting the wood to <u>negative</u> <u>pressure</u> to remove <u>moisture and air</u> therefrom; immersing the wood for a predetermined time in a supercritical solvent containing monomer; enlarging the pores of the wood by subjecting the wood to an entrainer dissolved in the supercritical fluid; promoting polymerization of the monomer by dissolving a polymerization catalyst in the supercritical solvent; inhibiting premature polymerization of the monomer by including a polymerization inhibitor in the supercritical solvent; facilitating the transport of monomer from bulk in the cell walls of the wood by dissolving an additional solvent in the supercritical solvent; subjecting the immersed wood to conditions sufficient to polymerize the monomer within the cells of the wood; and separating the wood containing polymers from the supercritical fluid, thereby making a wood having improved physical properties.

## Brief Summary Text - BSTX (41):

Preferably, prior to treatment in accordance with this invention, the porous material, e.g. wood, is preconditioned to remove air and moisture. This is typically accomplished by an air-dry atmospheric pressure method over a period of, say, 2-3 months or by a <u>negative pressure</u> method such as confining the wood in a closed container and applying a <u>vacuum</u> of, say, 22-25, typically, 10-15 mm Hg absolute for a time, e.g. 5 minutes to 30 minutes, sufficient to reduce the <u>air and moisture</u> content of the wood to, typically, 4-15% moisture by weight.

#### Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):

The first method includes removing <u>air and moisture from the wood by</u> <u>vacuuming</u> with or without the application of heat, preparing an extraction feed including a supercritical solvent, using the extraction feed to remove

extractives from the wood, preparing an impregnation feed including supercritical solvents, using the impregnation feed under supercritical conditions of temperature at pressure to impregnate the wood with a monomer, monomer mixture or polymer, separating the monomer, monomer mixture, or polymer from the supercritical solvent by precipitation as the supercritical solvent is depressured below supercritical conditions, which depressuring decreases the solubility of the monomer, monomer mixture, or polymer thereby causing the precipitation thereof, followed by, for example, in situ graft polymerization, where a chemical link is formed between the impregnated polymers and the wood fibers, thereby providing a wood-composite having superior mechanical and chemical properties compound to untreated wood. Basically, this process includes preparing an extraction feed, performing the extraction, preparing an impregnation feed, performing the impregnation, followed by precipitation and polymerization.

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TITLE:

**Board** mfr. for heat and pressing - by vapour and gas

extn. and air washing in plant attached

INVENTOR: STALLHERM, H

PRIORITY-DATA: 1992DE-4212164 (April 10, 1992)

PATENT-FAMILY:

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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: DE 4212164A

### **BASIC-ABSTRACT**:

The process used during the press manufacture of boards, extracts the noxious gases and dust, and cleans these out of the airflow. By means of a pump and stages of washing, a fluid is sepd. from the airflow as it passes to the atmosphere. The washing procedure is in two parts to utilise condensation of vapours and gas, and then to intensely clean the airflow.

The pressed <u>board</u> (10) lies between two metal conveyors (11, 12) during the pressure and heat operation. The fumes rise into the chamber (14) which has input into an exhaust system (15) with flexible connections (39). The initial wash in the units (16) has fluid delivered by the pump (21) from the tank (20) through pipes (32, 23) and valves (22). This prevents a fire hazard in the extraction pipe (19) which is under suction by the extractor fan (18).

The main connection (26) can also be connected to the washing fluid by valve (33). The fluid from the tank (20) may contain an oxidising chemical to neutralise the chemical vapours or gases arising from the pressing process. Before passing through the main connection (26), the mixture may have an addition of coagulant along the pipe (41) supplied by the pump (40). The mixture along the pipeline (19) may have temperature regulation, in order to condense the vapours. The resultant fluid is then extracted in the container (25), and passed back to the tank (20).

In the tank there is a water supply level regulator, and solid matter extraction section (34), and a floating mass extraction facility (29). A further possibility is for the extraction fan (18) to have a separate supply of fresh water, to wash the final traces of pollutant from the air before it is allowed to pass to the atmosphere along funnel (36). The water is by passed into the tank (20) from (35).

USE - To dispose of pollutants such as paraffin, resins, phenols, formaldehyde, oil vapour and <u>particles of wood</u>, etc. during the hot press stage.

ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: DE 4212164C

**EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS**:

A process for sucking away <u>air impurities such as gases, vapours</u> and small particles, during the prodn. of chip <u>board</u> and similar pressed components, includes feeding the impurities through nozzles with a wash fluid, passing the latter through a separator to remove liq. from the air and then passing the air to atmos. The wash fluid is fed into a distribution line and part of the flow is fed into the <u>suction</u> line via nozzle members. The air is cooled to its dew point and the other wash water stream is fed into the separator.

ADVANTAGE - The process is efficient and reliable, and pollutants can be effectively removed.

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Basic Abstract Text - ABTX (2):

The pressed <u>board</u> (10) lies between two metal conveyors (11, 12) during the pressure and heat operation. The fumes rise into the chamber (14) which has input into an exhaust system (15) with flexible connections (39). The initial wash in the units (16) has fluid delivered by the pump (21) from the tank (20)

through pipes (32, 23) and valves (22). This prevents a fire hazard in the extraction pipe (19) which is under suction by the extractor fan (18).

Basic Abstract Text - ABTX (5):

USE - To dispose of pollutants such as paraffin, resins, phenols, formaldehyde, oil vapour and <u>particles of wood</u>, etc. during the hot press stage.

Title - TIX (1):

**Board** mfr. for heat and pressing - by vapour and gas extn. and air washing in plant attached

Equivalent Abstract Text - ABEQ (1):

A process for sucking away <u>air impurities such as gases</u>, <u>vapours</u> and small particles, during the prodn. of chip <u>board</u> and similar pressed components, includes feeding the impurities through nozzles with a wash fluid, passing the latter through a separator to remove liq. from the air and then passing the air to atmos. The wash fluid is fed into a distribution line and part of the flow is fed into the <u>suction</u> line via nozzle members. The air is cooled to its dew point and the other wash water stream is fed into the separator.

Standard Title Terms - TTX (1):

**BOARD** MANUFACTURE HEAT PRESS VAPOUR GAS EXTRACT AIR WASHING PLANT ATTACH